

Urban Sanitary District of Winterton.

REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1909.

Births and Deaths.

There is a slight decrease in the number of births, and a considerable decrease in the number of deaths during the past year. In the year 1908, the former numbered 31 and the latter 29. Last year there were 27 births and only 13 deaths. The 27 births comprise 13 girls and 14 boys.

During the quarter ending September 29th, there were no deaths.

In the last quarter of the year there were only 2 deaths. In the first quarter there were 5 deaths, and in the second quarter there were 6 deaths.

Of the 13 deaths 8 were males and 5 females. The following table shows the ages at which deaths occurred:—

2 died under 1 year of age.—Previous year 2 died.

None died between 5 and 15 years of age.—Previous year 2 died.

None died between 15 and 25 years of age.—Previous year 1 died.

4 died between 25 and 65 years of age.—Previous year 9 died.

7 died over 65 years of age.—Previous year 15 died.

Infectious Diseases.

Enteric Fever. 12 cases of this disease have been notified to me during the past year as against 6 in 1908. A large proportion of the cases occurred in Northlands Road, no cases were imported, and all were due to wells being contaminated by faulty sanitary conditions.

Scarlet Fever. One case has occurred which was imported.

Mumps, Whooping Cough, etc. A large number of cases of these diseases have occurred among the children, but as they are not notifiable, and many parents do not call in medical assistance I cannot give details.

Sanitary Conditions.

During the past year the Council have taken steps to improve the Sanitary Condition of the town, and have begun to consider a sewage scheme.

A Sanitary Inspector has been appointed, who submitted plans and estimates for an entirely new drainage system with outfall works; this was presented to the November Council Meeting, but no practical steps were taken, up to the end of the year.

I append the report of the Sanitary Inspector who has performed his duties in a very efficient manner.

(Signed),

W. I. T. BAKER.

